



Biography

Mayor Kacky Chantry brings to this office more than 30 years of public service—first in biomedical research in the U.S. Army and later in business and program administration. She has extensive experience in managing budgets and corporate assets of all kinds and has held leadership positions in these areas throughout the federal government, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the U.S. Institute of Peace, the Departments of Energy, Commerce, and Health and Human Services. Across these Departments, she has directed agency and program budgets, finance, IT, contracts, and administrative operations. She has been recognized throughout her career for many contributions, including establishing a Department-wide loan guarantee program on alternative energy technologies, a new business/data analytics office, and private health insurance programs totaling more than \$13 billion appropriated under the Affordable Health Care Act. Recognition of these achievements culminated with an appointment in the senior executive service as a CFO and director of operations. Having such deep, diverse career experiences has enabled her to problem-solve from different perspectives, be resourceful, and apply best practices.

Prior to being elected Mayor, Kacky served two consecutive terms (2013-2017) on the Town Council. As councilwoman, she played major roles in increasing the Archives budget and developing the new Garrett Park website. Later, Kacky served as the editor of the *Garrett Bugle*—her town's newsletter and as Chair of the Archives.

A graduate of American University's Key Executive program, Mayor Kacky received her master's in public administration (MPA). She is a co-author of several peer-reviewed publications for her statistical and analytical contributions. An old-time runner and gardener, the Mayor also stays grounded with the help of her husband, Dennis--a full-time certified massage therapist, and her two young adult children, Tamaro and Kaylie. When weather conditions are right, she and Dennis find enjoyment and solitude kayaking on quiet waters in southern Maryland.